

LATEST NEWS EPITOMIZED

FROM TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS THAT COVER THE WEEK'S EVENTS.

OF MOST INTEREST

KEEPING THE READER POSTED ON MOST IMPORTANT CURRENT TOPICS.

WESTERN NEWS.

The forest service has gathered 190 bushels of pine cones from the forests near Pineydale, Wyoming, and will thresh out the seeds for replanting barren areas.

Robert Hellmich, who is cycling from New York to Germany, reached San Francisco last week. He started July 14th and expects to be in Berlin next August to win the wages.

Two new steel fireboats are being built for San Francisco, to have seven monitor outlets and twenty three and one-half-inch hose outlets on each boat. Each will be able to throw 2,000 gallons of water a minute.

Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens was re-elected president of the national W. C. T. U. at Denver October 27th. Mrs. Frances Price Parks was elected corresponding secretary and Mr. E. P. Hutchinson, treasurer. All the other officers were re-elected.

Out of forty-five of the largest cities in the country, including New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis and Baltimore, Denver stands first in building increase during the present year. The amount of increase is fifty per cent. During the month of September it was 112 per cent.

The United States Circuit Court at St. Louis refused to issue an injunction restraining the Interstate Commerce Commission from putting into effect an order reducing rates on cattle shipments from the southwest territory to Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis and other points.

It is reported at Tacoma, Wash., that an enormous whale in the west passage of the Sound upon a rowboat in which there were three duck hunters and all were drowned. It is said the men began firing with shotgun upon the mammal when it rose to blow, and that the maddened Leviathan attacked their boat.

John A. Greisler, editor of the Golden City, Mo., Register, has filed a damage suit against eight members of the local camp of Modern Woodmen for \$10,000 for injuries he says he sustained in taking the second degree of initiation into the order. The editor declares that two of his ribs were fractured and his side badly bruised, and asserts that for several days he was unable to leave the house.

A monument to Gen. Benjamin Harrison was unveiled at Indianapolis October 27th. Vice President Fairbanks, president of the General Harrison Memorial Association, presenting the monument to the people in a brief address. Little Elizabeth Harrison pulled the cord unveiling the statue of the soldier President whose bust picture was taken with her in his arms. On the stand were the distinguished guests. The family party included Mrs. Harrison and daughter and Russell B. Harrison; three members of General Harrison's cabinet, John W. Noble of St. Louis, John W. Foster of Washington and Mrs. Foster and W. H. H. Miller of Indianapolis. James Whitcomb Riley read a poem which he had written for the occasion, "The Tribute of His Home."

GENERAL NEWS.

The Aero club of London has awarded its medal to the Wright brothers of Dayton, Ohio, for their remarkable achievements.

During the government fiscal year ending July 31, 1898, 10,134,485 gallons of denatured alcohol were produced and consumed in the United States.

King Alfonso of Spain officiated Wednesday at the unveiling of a monument to the defenders of Saragossa in 1808. He was given a hearty reception by the populace.

Returns from the Canadian election Monday show that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the present premier, who in the last house had a majority of sixty-six, will be returned to power for another five years, with a safe, although slightly reduced, majority.

Declaring the signature in a will disposing of about \$1,000,000 a forgery, the will being that of Ambrose Burbank, who died in 1904, Dr. Albert H. Hamilton of Auburn, N. Y., a handwriting expert, created a sensation in the suit against Caleb H. Burbank, a nephew of the testator, during the trial in the United States Circuit Court in New York City.

Edward Cook & Co., soap manufacturers of London, have obtained a libel judgment of \$15,000 against certain newspapers owned by Lord Northcliffe, which charged that the company was attempting to form a trust. Other firms have similar suits pending.

When William J. Bryan entered the Astor gallery at a reception of the Woman's Democratic club at the Waldorf-Astoria Monday, he was kissed by two women in the presence of nearly 700 others, and narrowly escaped the embrace of a third. Mrs. Bryan was present. Mr. Bryan displayed some embarrassment.

Col. Robert E. Wing, editor and publisher of the New Orleans State, delivered at Democratic national headquarters in Chicago Friday a check for £1,500 for the Democratic campaign fund. This brings the total of collections raised by his paper to \$22,000, which is said to be the record for popular newspaper collections.

James Kerr, Democratic national committeeman from Pennsylvania, died October 20th at his summer home in New Rochelle, following an operation for an intestinal disorder which had made him practically an invalid for a year. He was fifty-seven years old. Bryan visited Kerr the Monday before his death and the latter was much elated.

"There is absolutely and positively not the slightest foundation in fact for such a report," was the way in which Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., in the carpet factory at Hartford, took of emphatically and finally disposing of the report from Washington that he was engaged to marry Miss Carrie A. Munro, daughter of Mrs. Charles A. Munro of Washington.

The franchise under which the Cleveland, Ohio, Municipal Tramway Company is operating street railway lines on a 2-cent fare basis, was defeated by a majority of 879 in the referendum vote Thursday. The total vote was more than 75,000. It is alleged that the public were dissatisfied with the service given by the operating company.

Three suits for \$100,000 each against William R. Hearst, principal, and others, were begun in the Superior Court at Chicago Saturday by Jacob J. Kern, Democratic candidate for state's attorney for Cook county. The actions, if claimed by the attorney filing the suits, are based on editorials, cartoons and stories printed in papers controlled by Mr. Hearst and attacking the character of Kern.

The British government has issued in London and through the British ambassadors abroad a formal denial of a rupture in the direct negotiations between Austria-Hungary and Turkey and Great Britain's intervention, together with a statement that any direct arrangement satisfactory to Turkey would in the opinion of the British government, smooth the way toward a general settlement.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

Prince Henry of Prussia, son of the Emperor, took a ride in Count Zeppelin's ship Tuesday and was highly delighted with it.

The treasury Friday purchased 75,000 ounces of silver for delivery at New Orleans and 50,000 ounces for delivery at Denver, at \$6.5294 per fine ounce.

President Roosevelt was fifty years old October 27th. He worked at his desk as usual, but received a great many congratulatory messages from this and foreign countries.

Notwithstanding efforts of labor leaders to have the question decided upon before election, Justice Wright, in the District Supreme Court, postponed until November 10th consideration of the case of Samuel Gompers, president; John Mitchell, vice president, and Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, who are charged with contempt of court.

Colonel James W. Pope, assistant quartermaster general, and Lieutenant Colonel George Young, Twenty-first Infantry, are detailed as members of the army retiring board at Denver, vice Colonel Charles A. Williams, Twenty-first infantry, and Lieutenant Colonel George K. Hunter, Fifth cavalry, relieved.

President Roosevelt has signed a proclamation creating the Lolo Kan tribe bird reserve in Big Horn basin, Wyoming. The reserve embraces an area of about 5,500 acres, in the midst of which is the reservoir of the Shoshone Irrigation Company. In recent years, since the reservoir was built, all manner of wild ducks have frequented this locality, and it has become a favorite breeding ground for different kinds of edible water fowl.

To man the new Western field headquarters of the forestry service recently established at Denver, Missoula, Mont.; Albuquerque, N. M.; Ogden, Utah; San Francisco, and Portland, Oregon, a party of 385 foresters, clerks, stenographers and other employees, including 129 women and from fifty to seventy-five administrative officers, will leave Washington, December 1. The chief forester and 200 employees will remain.

TO SAVE TIME IN KITCHEN.

Few Moments Gathered In Here and There Amount to Much.

To get best results with rice, wash quickly in cold water and drop slowly into water that is boiling rapidly. Rice prepared in this fashion will be soft and mealy, yet whole, in 20 minutes or half an hour. Have plenty of water in the kettle and drain the rice directly it is cooked—before the water stops boiling.

Save fuel by washing beans and all dried fruits until the water poured off is clear. Then soak over night, covering them with warm, not cold, water.

To get best results with macaroni, do not break it before cooking. Drop it whole into salted boiling water, cook 20 minutes, drain in a colander, coil it in the baking dish, pour cream sauce over it and finish off with grated cheese and bits of butter. Bake golden brown. You lose much of the substance in breaking it in short lengths before cooking.

Mix prunes and raisins for a supper dish. The raisins give the prunes a tang that is savory.

To make the mint jelly as popular—and expensive—at exchange and tea rooms, try this recipe: Wash and bruise a bunch of fresh mint; cover with a pint of boiling water and simmer very gently 15 minutes. Strain and, to every pint of this liquid, white hot, allow a package of ready-to-use lemon jelly powder. Add sugar to taste. Stir until sugar and jelly powder are dissolved. Mold and set on ice to harden. Garnish with fresh mint leaves.

TO MAKE SCOURING BALLS.

Two Methods of Preparing These Useful Aids to Housewives.

Not every housekeeper knows how to prepare scouring balls. The following is a good method: Mix fuller's earth and strong soda or white castile soap to a stiff paste. Roll this into balls about the size of a hen's egg and allow them to dry.

To use, first remove all surface dirt with a brush after soaking and sponge the soiled places lightly with tepid water.

Then rub gently but very thoroughly with one of these balls. The garment should be hung in a dry place for a day or so, then the dry earth brushed off. After this, it is ready for pressing.

Another way of making these balls is to use five ounces of pipe clay, three ounces of powdered French chalk and three ounces of alcohol. This paste should be molded into small balls and set aside to dry.

If a housekeeper has any leisure time off her hands after the autumn housecleaning, she would find it a great help to make a lot of these scouring balls and have them on hand for any emergency.

A Cure for Stained Walls.

We have a large chimney which stained the wall paper in spite of successive coats of size, paint, varnish and shellac. A paper-hanger remedied the matter by pasting sheets of tin foil over the spot, taking good care to smooth out all wrinkles. When this was thoroughly dried the chimney was thoroughly repainted. We have not been bothered with any stains since.

The foil is so very thin it may be used under any paper without danger of showing through. Of course, the wall was first cleaned of the old paper.—Good Housekeeping.

Red Poppy Salad.

Take a can of pimientos and lay in cold water for about five minutes, then drain and cut in four pieces to represent a red poppy. Lay in center of plate surrounded by crisp lettuce leaves. Then wash a can of Barataria shrimps and spread, adding chopped celery. Mix with mayonnaise. Place a tablespoonful of this in the center of the pimientos and garnish with pinwheels.

Irish Stew.

Grease the bottom of a cooking pot; place in it four pounds of tender beef. Turn carefully until nicely browned. Be careful and avoid burning. Add four sliced carrots, four sliced onions, two leeks, six peppers, six potatoes, and one pint hot water. Simmer slowly until vegetables are thoroughly cooked, then remove. Turn spoonfuls of white sugar till deep brown, stir in gravy, add one teaspoonful table-spoon, season with pepper and salt, serve vegetable on same dish. Do not thicken gravy.

To Soften an Egg.

When an egg has been boiled too long, it can be softened instantly again by lifting pan off fire, quickly placing under tap, and allowing a good stream of cold water to pour into it. The sudden shock from hot to cold has the curious effect of softening the egg. A splendid method of securing correct consistency for invalids' eggs.

Odorless Lamp Wicks.

New lamp wicks, if boiled in vinegar and thoroughly dried before using, will not smell bad when burning.

FRENCH WOMEN'S ONLY CLUB

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THE LYCEUM CLUB, PARIS

Hundreds of French women engaged in humanitarian schemes.

For three-four years the French League was engaged in slowly but surely increasing its forces. All kinds of material advantages appeared in its way. Miss Blanche Bentzon recommended patience. "We do not like to be taken in strong," she said. "You must give this new idea time. We refuse to be recruited like Americans. We are independent-minded, and before consenting to take up a new thing we must understand exactly its aims and objects."

The following year Miss Blanche Bentzon died and some of the members of the new club began to disband. At the end of three years we were a handful again of 200 women without even a permanent office or a secretary. For the sake of keeping up interest in the new scheme a room was rented in the Hotel Bedford, and in early and unusual frankness given, the program of which was always completed at the wish of members.

Finally six of the vice-presidents of the London Lyceum, Miss Alice Williams, came to Paris on a visit. On seeing the difficulties of the situation, she volunteered to return to London and endeavor to raise money enough to establish the Lyceum in Paris and to try it for a year. At the end of that time we should see whether a club were really needed by French women and if in they could then take it over themselves. She promised to stay the whole year in Paris until the financial arrangements were complete.

The inauguration took place last December and Mrs. Alice Williams accepted the office of president. Her name had been at the head of the list given in Miss Tame some four years previously, but succeeded by letters begging her to please over all kinds of possible activities. Misses Alice and Margaret had preferred waiting to see whether this new scheme ended with its first prospectus. The inauguration was a very brilliant ceremony. Some 200 guests came and the international side was well represented by ambassadors and their wives, who had been most fully invited by various members of the committee. So pleased were some of them with the idea that among the present members of the club are some of the ambassadors.

With a president so ingeniously capable and so amply endowed, no doubt were felt for the future and by day the number of adherents has steadily increased. There are now nearly 200 members, so that within a year it is expected that the French Lyceum will be able to pay its current expenses.

The president is herself a sculptress and a writer and she is also the president of the Society of Women Painters.

She has written a play which is to be given at the Lyceum. No president could be more active and more interested. She is not only absorbed herself in attending all the meetings of the committee, but she urges on every member the necessity of this organization.

Two of the most interesting sections of the Lyceum are those of sociology and humanitarian work, presided over respectively by Miss Schmitz and Miss Chaptal. At the monthly meetings the members, who nearly all represent some special scheme for the improvement of the conditions of life, expose their scheme and show in what way other members can help them.

Miss Berthe Klunzings will in time, form the solfège and university section, and Miss Alphonse Baude is most active and energetic in collecting books for the library and reading room.

The greatest benefit of the system have already been seen in Paris. Women have come from Australia and from America, not knowing a single person in Paris, and instead of wandering about desultorily and then returning to a strange hotel, they have found a home and congenial companionship in an unknown land.